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S.B. No. 707

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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(3) has the experience required for a license under this chapter; and

(4) pays the application fee.

(b) This section expires January 1, 2007.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center  
79R6737 YDB-D

S.B. 707  
By: Van de Putte  
Business & Commerce  
3/23/2005  
As Filed

### **AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, adopted licensing guidelines for electricians which included a three-month grandfather period during which practicing electricians could apply for their licenses. Military personnel who were overseas during the state's licensing grandfather period missed the opportunity to apply for an electrician license.

As proposed, S.B. 707 allows electricians serving in the military between March 1, 2004, and June 1, 2004, to apply for the electrician license without being subject to an examination.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 1305, Occupations Code, by adding Section 1305.1615, as follows:

Sec. 1305.1615. CERTAIN APPLICANTS WHO ARE VETERANS. Requires the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (department) to issue an electrician license without examination to certain individuals who are veterans and meet the requirements of this section. Provides that this section expires January 1, 2007.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2005.

By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 707  
(In the Senate - Filed February 24, 2005; March 2, 2005,  
read first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;  
April 22, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 22, 2005,  
sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 707 By: Estes

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(a), Section 1305.1615, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, the  
Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation shall issue a license  
without examination to an individual who:

(1) submits an application and any other information  
required by the department to the department not later than  
December 1, 2005; and

(2) is otherwise qualified for a license under Section  
1305.1615, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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FAVORABLY AS SUBSTITUTED  
SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT ON

(SB) SCR SJR SR HB HCR HJR 707  
By Van de Putte  
(Author/Senate Sponsor)  
April 22, 2005  
(date)

We, your Committee on BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, to which was referred the attached measure,  
have on April 19, 2005, had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it  
(date of hearing)  
back with the recommendation (s) that it:

- ☒ do pass as substituted, and be printed  
☒ the caption remained the same as original measure  
☐ the caption changed with adoption of the substitute

☐ do pass as substituted, and be ordered not printed

☒ and is recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Bills Calendar.

A fiscal note was requested. ☒ yes ☐ no

A revised fiscal note was requested. ☒ yes ☐ no

An actuarial analysis was requested. ☐ yes ☒ no

Considered by subcommittee. ☐ yes ☒ no

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PNV
Senator Troy Fraser, Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Kip Averitt, Vice-Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Ken Armbrister			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Senator Kim Brimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator John Carona	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Kevin Eltife	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Craig Estes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Eddie Lucio			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Senator Leticia Van de Putte	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
TOTAL VOTES	7		2	

COMMITTEE ACTION

☒ S260 Considered in public hearing

☒ S270 Testimony taken

John Baker  
COMMITTEE CLERK

Ty Fran  
CHAIRMAN

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Retain one copy of this form for Committee files

WITNESS LIST

SB 707

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

Business & Commerce

April 19, 2005 - 9:00AM

FOR: Squyres, Robert (The American Legion), Austin, TX

ON: Montemayor, Cruz (Texas Veterans Commission), Austin, TX

Registering, but not testifying:

On: Kuntz Jr., William H. (Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation), Austin, TX

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center  
79R10168 YDB-D

C.S.S.B. 707  
By: Van de Putte  
Business & Commerce  
4/20/2005  
Committee Report (Substituted)

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SECTION 2. Requires the department, notwithstanding Section 1305.1615(a)(2), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, to issue a license without examination to an individual who submits an application, and any other information required by the department, to the department not later than December 1, 2005, and is otherwise qualified for a license under Section 1305.1615, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 79TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 20, 2005**

**TO:** Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

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The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation

**LBB Staff:** JOB, SD, JRO, MW, RR

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# REQUEST FOR LOCAL & UNCONTESTED CALENDAR PLACEMENT

SENATOR CHRIS HARRIS, CHAIRMAN  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that SSB 707, by Van dePotte,  
(Bill No.) (Author/Sponsor)

was heard by the Committee on Business and Commerce on April 19,  
2005,

and reported out with the recommendation that it be placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Victor Beck  
(Clerk of the reporting committee)

**IMPORTANT: A COPY OF THIS FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO A COMMITTEE PRINTED VERSION OF THE BILL OR RESOLUTION AND SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OFFICE, E1.714. DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON A REGULAR BASIS.**

ADOPTED

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MAY 03 2005

*Atty. Gen.*  
Secretary of the Senate

By: VandePutte

S.B. No. 707

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 707:

By: C. G. D.  
(Esley)

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5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

Engrossed May 3, 2005  
Mardi A. Olsen  
Engrossing Clerk

I certify this to be a true and correct  
copy of the indicated document as  
referred or transmitted to committee.

Chief Clerk of the House

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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1<sup>st</sup> Printing

By: Van de Putte  
(Flores)

S.B. No. 707

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 707:

By: Quintanilla

C.S.S.B. No. 707

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SECTION 2. Section 1305.202, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1305.202. [~~SCOPE OF~~] MUNICIPAL OR REGIONAL LICENSE.

(a) A license to perform electrical work issued by a municipality or region is valid only in the municipality or region or in another municipality or region under a reciprocal agreement.



1        (b) The department shall issue an equivalent license  
2 without examination to an individual who holds a license to perform  
3 electrical work or electrical sign work issued by a municipality or  
4 region that elects to discontinue the municipality's or region's  
5 licensing program if the individual:

6                (1) held the municipal or regional license for the  
7 preceding year;

8                (2) has the experience required for the license under  
9 this chapter; and

10               (3) submits an application for a license under this  
11 chapter not later than the 90th day after the date the municipal or  
12 regional program is discontinued.

13        SECTION 3. Sections 3(a) and (k), Chapter 1062, Acts of the  
14 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, are amended to read as  
15 follows:

16        (a) The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation shall  
17 issue a license to a qualified applicant under this section who:

18                (1) applies for a license under this section not later  
19 than December 31, 2005 [~~June 1, 2004~~];

20                (2) submits to the department the information required  
21 by rule;

22                (3) has the experience required by this section; and

23                (4) pays the application fee.

24        (k) This section expires September 1, 2007 [~~2005~~].

25        SECTION 4. (a) For purposes of the issuance of a license  
26 under Section 3, Chapter 1062, Acts of the 78th Legislature,  
27 Regular Session, 2003:

1           (1) the executive director of the Texas Department of  
2 Licensing and Regulation shall accept alternative documentation of  
3 on-the-job experience approved by the department if the license  
4 applicant is applying for a license in an area in which a municipal  
5 or regional licensing program does not exist and is unable to  
6 provide proof of on-the-job training certified by a master  
7 electrician or master sign electrician, as appropriate; and

8           (2) an individual applying for a license in an area in  
9 which a municipal or regional licensing program exists is eligible  
10 only for an equivalent license issued by the department.

11          (b) The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation shall  
12 provide notice of the period extended as provided by this section in  
13 which an applicant may apply for a license under Section 3, Chapter  
14 1062, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, to:

15           (1) all municipal and regional licensing programs in  
16 this state;

17           (2) all counties in this state; and

18           (3) all businesses in this state that sell electrical  
19 supplies and equipment.

20          (c) In the notice required under Subsection (b)(1) of this  
21 section, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation shall  
22 request that the municipal or regional licensing program provide  
23 notice of the extended application period to all individuals  
24 holding electrical licenses issued by that program.

25          SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Honorable Tom Craddick  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

May 18, 2005  
(date)

Sir:

We, your COMMITTEE ON LICENSING AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

to whom was referred SB 707 have had the same under consideration and beg to report back with the recommendation that it

- ( ) do pass, without amendment.
- ( ) do pass, with amendment(s).
- ☒ do pass and be not printed; a Complete Committee Substitute is recommended in lieu of the original measure.
- ☒ yes ( ) no A fiscal note was requested.
- ( ) yes ☒ no A criminal justice policy impact statement was requested.
- ( ) yes ☒ no An equalized educational funding impact statement was requested.
- ( ) yes ☒ no An actuarial analysis was requested.
- ( ) yes ☒ no A water development policy impact statement was requested.
- ( ) yes ☒ no A tax equity note was requested.
- ( ) The Committee recommends that this measure be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars.

For Senate Measures: House Sponsor Flores

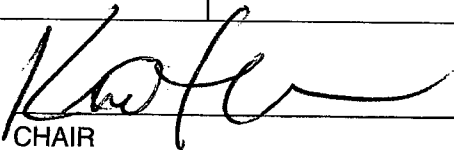
Joint Sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

	AYE	NAY	PNV	ABSENT
Flores, Chair	X			
Geren, Vice-chair	X			
Chisum				X
Goolsby	X			
Hamilton				X
Homer				X
Jones, D.	X			
Morrison	X			
Quintanilla	X			

Total  
6 aye  
0 nay  
0 present, not voting  
3 absent

  
CHAIR

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.S.B. 707

By: Van de Putte

Licensing & Administrative Procedures  
Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

During the 78th(R) legislative session changes were made regarding the licensing and regulation of electrical work. Until H.B. 1487 (78R) some municipalities and regions had licensing and regulatory programs for electrical work, while others did not. C.S.H.B. 1487 (78R) enacted the Texas Electrical Safety and Licensing Act, creating a state license for six classes of electricians and two classes of contractors and adopting statewide standards for electrical workers in Texas.

However, many electricians were unaware of the changes in law until they tried to renew their license with their municipalities. Because of this they were unaware of the grandfather provision in the new law and were unable to take advantage of it.

C.S.S.B. 707 extends the grandfather language, requires the issuance of a license without examination to certain veterans and certain licensees who perform electrical work or electrical sign work, as well as requires the department to accept certain alternative documentation for on-the-job experience and provide adequate notice concerning the extended application period.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 1305, Occupations Code, by adding Section 1305.1615, as follows:

Sec. 1305.1615. CERTAIN APPLICANTS WHO ARE VETERANS. Requires the department to issue a license without examination to an individual who meets certain stipulations.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 1305.202, Occupations Code, as follows:

(b) Requires the department to issue an equivalent license without examination to an individual who holds a license to perform electrical work or electrical sign work issued by a municipality or region that elects to discontinue the municipality's or region's licensing program if the individual:

- (1) held the municipal or regional license for the preceding year;
- (2) has the experience required for the license under this chapter; and
- (3) submits an application for a license under this chapter not later than the 90th day after the date the municipal or regional program is discontinued.

SECTION 3. Amends Sections 3(a) and (k), Chapter 1062, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, as follows:

(a) Requires the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to issue a license to a qualified applicant under this section who applies for a license under this section not later than December 31, 2005, rather than June 1, 2004.

(k) Provides that this section expires September 1, 2007, rather than 2005.

SECTION 4. (a) Provides for the issuance of a license under Section 3, Chapter 1062, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, by requiring the executive director of TDLR to accept alternative documentation of experience under certain conditions and provides that an individual applying for a license in an area in which a municipal or regional licensing program exists is eligible only for an equivalent license issued by the department.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to provide notice of the period extended as provided by this section in which an applicant may apply for a license under Section 3, Chapter 1062, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, to certain places.

(c) Requires the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, in the notice required under Subsection (b) (1) of this section, to request that the municipal or regional licensing program provide notice of the extended application period to all individuals holding electrical licenses issued by that program.

SECTION 5. Effective date: Immediately, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, then the Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Immediately, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, then the Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

#### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE**

C.S.S.B. 707 modifies the bill by removing language that would have established an expiration date for Section 1305.1615, Occupations Code.

C.S.S.B. 707 modifies the bill by adding new language requiring the department to issue an equivalent license without examination to an individual who holds a license to perform electrical work or electrical sign work given certain conditions.

The substitute modifies the bill by removing language that would have required the department to issue a license to an applicant who is otherwise qualified for a license under Section 1305.1615, Occupations Code of the original; rather, the substitute requires the department to issue a license to an applicant who applies for a license under this section not later than December 31, 2005, pays the application fee, and meets other requirements; adds new language providing that this section expires on September 1, 2007.

C.S.S.B. 707 modifies the bill by adding new language requiring the executive director to accept alternative documentation of experience under certain conditions for the issuance of a license.

C.S.S.B. 707 modifies the bill by adding new language requiring the department to provide notice of the extended period as provided by this section, and in the notice request that a notice concerning the extended application period be provided to all individuals holding electrical licenses issued by a municipality's program.

The substitute adds new language providing that the effective date of the Act is immediate given certain circumstances, rather than effective on September 1, 2005.

## SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTION

SB 707

May 18, 2005

upon lunch recess

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Considered in formal meeting

Committee substitute considered in committee

Reported favorably as substituted

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 79TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 19, 2005**

**TO:** Honorable Kino Flores, Chair, House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB707 by Van de Putte (relating to the issuance of an electrician license without examination to certain applicants. ), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Occupations Code by stating that the Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) shall issue a license without examination to an individual who was on active duty in the United States armed forces during the period of March 1, 2004, to June 1, 2004, submits an application and any other information no later than the 90th day after the date the individual is released or discharged from active duty in the armed forces, has the experience required for a license under this chapter, and pays the application fee. The bill would also require TDLR to issue a license without examination to an individual who holds a license to perform electrical work by a municipality that elects to discontinue the municipality's licensing program if the licensee held the municipal license for the preceding year, has the experience required for a license under this chapter, and submits an application no later than the 90th day after the date the municipal or regional program is discontinued. Based on TDLR's analysis, it is assumed that the provisions of the bill could be implemented using existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation

**LBB Staff:** JOB, JRO, MW, RR

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 79TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 20, 2005**

**TO:** Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB707 by Van de Putte (Relating to the issuance of an electrician license to certain members of the armed forces.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation

**LBB Staff:** JOB, SD, JRO, MW, RR

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 79TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 18, 2005**

**TO:** Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB707 by Van de Putte (Relating to the issuance of an electrician license to certain members of the armed forces.), **As Introduced**

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The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

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S.B. No.

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By

Vonai Pulte

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT:

relating to the issuance of an electrician license to certain members of the armed forces.

FEB 24 2005

MAR 02 2005

Filed with the Secretary of the Senate

BUSINESS AND  
COMMERCE

Read and referred to Committee on

Reported favorably

APR 22 2005

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

Ordered not printed

MAY 03 2005

Laid before the Senate

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by:

{ unanimous consent

{ \_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_ nays

MAY 03 2005

Read second time, \_\_\_\_\_, and ordered engrossed by:

{ ~~unanimous consent~~

{ a viva voce vote

{ \_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_ nays

MAY 03 2005

Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rule suspended by a vote of 31 yeas, 0 nays.

MAY 03 2005

Read third time, \_\_\_\_\_, and passed by:

{ A viva voce vote

{ 31 yeas, 0 nays

Secretary of the Senate

OTHER ACTION:

May 3, 2005

Engrossed

May 3, 2005

Sent to House

Engrossing Clerk

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MAY 03 2005

Received from the Senate

MAY 05 2005

Read first time and referred to Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures

MAY 18 2005

Reported \_\_\_\_ favorably (as substituted)

MAY 20 2005

Sent to Committee on (Calendars)

Read second time (comm. subst.) (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by a (non-record vote) (record vote of \_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a vote of \_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_ present, not voting.

Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed to pass) by a (non-record vote) (record vote of \_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

Returned to Senate.

Returned from House without amendment.

Returned from House with \_\_\_\_ amendments.

Concurred in House amendments by a viva voce vote \_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_ nays.

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

\_\_\_\_\_ Refused to concur in House amendments and requested the appointment of a Conference Committee to adjust the differences.

\_\_\_\_\_ Senate conferees instructed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Senate conferees appointed: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman; \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ House granted Senate request. House conferees appointed: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman;  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Committee Report read and filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Committee Report adopted on the part of the House by: \_\_\_\_\_

{ a viva voce vote  
\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Committee Report adopted on the part of the Senate by:

{ a viva voce vote  
\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays

**OTHER ACTION:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Recommitted to Conference Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Conferees discharged.

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Committee Report failed of adoption by: \_\_\_\_\_

{ a viva voce vote  
\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES